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1. THE SITUATION AT GUADELOUPE S SOUFRIERE VOLCANO WORSENE
IN THE LAST 24 HOURS AND THE PREFET TODAY ORDERED EVACUATION
OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF BASSE TERRE ISLAND ON A LINE FROM VIEUX
HABITANTS, THE VOLCANO, AND CAPESTERRE.
SOME 72,000 PERSONS ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING EVACUATED. AT 2400
HOURS AUGUST 15 ENTRY INTO THAT AREA WILL BE PROHIBITED TO PUB-
LIC AND THE GUADELOUPE ADMINISTRATION (PREFECTURE) WILL LEAVE
THE TOWN OF BASSE TERRE.

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2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, AN ERUPTION IS NOW EXPECTED AND

IT IS LIKELY TO BE IN THE FORCE OF QUOTE SEVERAL ATOMIC BOMBS
UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCE, IF AN ERUPTION OCCURS
IT WILL PROBABLY MAKE THE SOUTHERN AREA OF BASSE TERRE ISLAND
A MAJOR DISASTER AREA.

3. OFFICIALS INFORMED ME THAT NO USCITS ARE NOW IN THE AREA
IN VIEW OF TOTAL EVACUATION OF POPULATION. OUR OWN CHECKS BY
TELEPHONE ALSO INDICATE ALL HAVE DEPARTED.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER OFFER OF AID OF SOME
KIND IF A DISASTER IN FACT TAKES PLACE.
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